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**Subject:** Fwd: Student Transportation issue  
**Date:** January 15, 2019 at 2:32 PM  
**To:** brian@treeceformayor.com, kelly4como@gmail.com  
**Cc:** Sheela K Amin sheela.amin@como.gov, Nancy Thompson Nancy.thompson@como.gov

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Mr. Treece and Mr. Kelly

I am sending you this email because I want to make sure staff and myself are completely above board about information requested during the campaign. Mr Treece requested this information and I feel I need to share with both candidates.

I have copied the city clerk and the city counselor on this email.

John Glascock  
Interim City Manager



**City of Columbia**

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**From:** John Glascock <John.Glascock@como.gov>  
**Date:** Tue, Jan 15, 2019 at 12:44 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Student Transportation issue  
**To:** <brian@treeceformayor.com>  
**Cc:** Nancy Thompson <nancy.thompson@como.gov>, Sheela K Amin <sheela.amin@como.gov>

Answers below in **red**. Please let me know if additional information is needed.

John Glascock  
Interim City Manager



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On Fri, Jan 11, 2019 at 5:55 PM <brian@treeceformayor.com> wrote:

At a candidate forum last night, Chris Kelly stated:

*"Now the City and the School District entered into negotiations about putting city school kids on the busses to take them to school. Change their lines little bit, change the times a little bit, we'll give you some money and we'll get some vouchers."*

I was not approached by the school district nor have I had any discussions with the school district regarding this issue. Mike Mathes told me that the City was never approached by the school district regarding this issue.

So that I can accurately describe the facts of this situation, and correct any misimpressions by Mr. Matthes, can you let me know the following:

Did City staff ever negotiate with the School District about changing bus routes?

- To staff's knowledge(Myself, Dave Nichols and Drew Brooks) we have not negotiated any specific transit routes with CPS. We have

consulted them on placement of bus shelters

Did City staff ever discuss contracting with the school district to deliver student transportation services?

- To staff's knowledge(Myself, Dave Nichols and Drew Brooks) we have not discussed contracting any specific transit routes with CPS. We have discussed the utilization of CoMo Bus within the CPS system as other communities outside the state have done. (Oshkosh, WI)

Did City staff offer to give out vouchers for students to ride city buses?

- To staff's knowledge(Myself, Dave Nichols and Drew Brooks) we have not negotiated any voucher system with CPS. We did do a Pilot voucher in 2014 with Hickman High School running a route down Worley Street. It was not successful.

How much money did the school district offer the city to deliver student transportation services?

- To staff's knowledge(Myself, Dave Nichols and Drew Brooks) we have not talked about any specific dollar amount with CPS. I have heard Peter talk about transportation costing CPS about \$12M.

Was an agreement ever reached?

- To staff's knowledge(Myself, Dave Nichols and Drew Brooks) we have not reached any specific agreement with CPS.

Was Council informed about this negotiation?

- To staff's knowledge(Myself, Dave Nichols and Drew Brooks) council was never officially informed of any specific negotiations with CPS.

Was the City Council notified of any agreement?

- To staff's knowledge(Myself, Dave Nichols and Drew Brooks) council was never officially informed of any specific agreement with CPS

What is the process for changing bus routes and times?

- There is a public involvement process for changing the fixed route bus system as defined by the Federal Transit
  - *The Federal Transit Administration's Office of Civil Rights works with transit providers to ensure that the impacts of service and fare changes are not discriminatory and are distributed equitably to minority and low-income populations. We also seek to ensure that minority, low-income, and limited English proficient communities have an equal opportunity to participate in the public involvement process that often precedes a decision to change service and fares.*

It is my understanding that students can already ride the bus for free. It is also my understanding that federal requirements prohibit the city from offering exclusive, charter service to single-entity customers and that all of our buses must be open to the public. Please let me know if that is not accurate.

- Correct

Thank you for your response. It is not my intent to involve you in a campaign issue. Rather, I hope to know the facts regarding any negotiations the City Manager may have engaged in without my knowledge, so that I may continue to make accurate disclosures in all circumstances.

Sincerely,  
Brian Treece